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For: METHOD OF SCREENING CANDIDATE COMPOUNDS FOR SUSCEPTIBILITY TO BILIARY EXCRETION

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the references listed below and on the attached forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

PCT International Application No. WO 94/12662 to Hochman et al. discloses a hepatic model.

PCT International Application No. WO 96/01426 to Arterburn et al. discloses a hepatocyte test kit.

Journal article by Liu et al., "Biliary Excretion in Primary Rat Hepatocytes Cultured in a Collagen-Sandwich Configuration", *Am. J. Physiol.*, Vol. 277, pp. g12-g21 (1999).

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Journal article by Liu et al., "Use of Ca²⁺ Modulation to Evaluate Biliary Excretion in Sandwich-Cultured Rat Hepatocytes", *Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics*, Vol. 289, No. 3, pp. 1592-1599 (1999).

Journal article by Talamini et al., "Repolarization of Hepatocytes in Culture", *Hepatology*, Vol. 25, pp. 167-172 (1997).



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